

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Norfolk Division**

**RECOVERY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP,
Plaintiff,**

v.

Civil Action No.: 2:87-cv-00363

**UNIDENTIFIED, WRECKED AND ABANDONED
SAILING VESSEL, etc.,
Defendant.**

STATUS REPORT TO COURT

Recovery Limited Partnership (the “Plaintiff” or “RLP”), by counsel, respectfully submits this six-month Report to the Court as salvor-in-possession of the wreck of the SS CENTRAL AMERICA (“SSCA”). Plaintiff has previously submitted twenty-six reports, two in Civil Action No. 2:14-cv-160, and twenty-four in Civil Action No. 2:87-cv-363. *See* D.E. # 21 and 90 (No. 2:14-cv-160); D.E. # 104, 130, 163, 175, 176, 177, 195, 202, 209, 233, 256, 264, 267, 273, 278, 280, 281, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, and 295 (No. 2:87-cv-363).

The Trustee, John Pidcock, together with RLP’s salvage adviser Craig T. Mullen, are evaluating several potential salvors, along with their equipment and vessel availability, for salvage of the wreck of the SS CENTRAL AMERICA in 2024. Depending on salvor selection and vessel availability, salvage operations could commence as soon as April 2024.

The Trustee expects to complete selection of the salvor by November 17, 2023. The Trustee will then submit a proposed salvage plan and recommendation for approval under seal for the Court to review and determine whether to approve it before finalizing contractual arrangements with the salvor. In order to assure vessel and equipment availability, the Trustee anticipates submitting the recommendation and request for approval to the Court by December 15, 2023.

The Trustee is aware that exclusive jurisdiction over the salvage of the wreck of the S.S. Central America lies with this Court. He understands his obligation to notify this Court regarding any future salvage and will seek advance approval before any such salvage is performed in accordance with the Order entered January 11, 2019. D.E. # 276.

The Trustee and counsel are available to address any questions that the Court may have regarding this report.

This 25th day of October, 2023.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 25th day of October, 2023, a true and accurate copy of the foregoing was electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will then send a notification of such filing to all registered filers.

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